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1 toddler program has increased thirteen percent annually and  
2 waiting lists cannot be formed since the program is an  
3 entitlement program that requires immediate access to service  
4 for all eligible infants and families; and

5 WHEREAS, approximately three thousand five hundred  
6 children and adults currently receive services from the home  
7 and community-based developmental disabilities medicaid waiver  
8 program administered by the department of health, and  
9 approximately three thousand five hundred are on the waiting  
10 list for services; and

11 WHEREAS, two hundred fifty-nine persons receive services  
12 from the intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded  
13 program administered by the human services department; and

14 WHEREAS, one thousand nine hundred five persons receive  
15 services from the home and community-based disabled and elderly  
16 medicaid waiver program administered by the aging and long-term  
17 services department and seven thousand one hundred forty-nine  
18 persons are on the waiting list for services; and

19 WHEREAS, approximately three to four hundred persons  
20 receive services from the traumatic brain injury services  
21 administered by the aging and long-term services department and  
22 because of eligibility documentation requirements there is a  
23 two- to three-month waiting time for those persons; and

24 WHEREAS, eight thousand seven hundred eighty-three persons  
25 receive services from the personal care option program

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1 administered by the aging and long-term services department;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, the need for services for persons with  
4 disabilities and children with, or at risk of, developmental  
5 delays is far greater than the financial resources currently  
6 available, resulting in waiting times for some services; and

7 WHEREAS, in order to meet the existing and increasing need  
8 for services, dedicated, trained and caring providers must be  
9 available in sufficient numbers;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that additional financial resources be  
12 provided to the department of health, the aging and long-term  
13 services department and the human services department to  
14 eliminate all waiting lists for these and other services so  
15 that New Mexico's most vulnerable residents can receive the  
16 care they need; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that additional financial resources  
18 be provided to the department of health, the aging and long-  
19 term services department and the human services department to  
20 accommodate the increasing cost of providing care and the  
21 additional resources needed to provide the care; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
23 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of health, the  
24 secretary of aging and long-term services and the secretary of  
25 human services.

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